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10:45 service + February 25, 2018 + 2nd Sunday in Lent



Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt

Themes and keywords: discern, truth, grace, Spirit

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Naima Wartts, vocalist

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from John 1:29; Philippians 2:8-9; Revelation 5:13

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

*All: the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Liturgist: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

All: Therefore, God has highly exalted him.

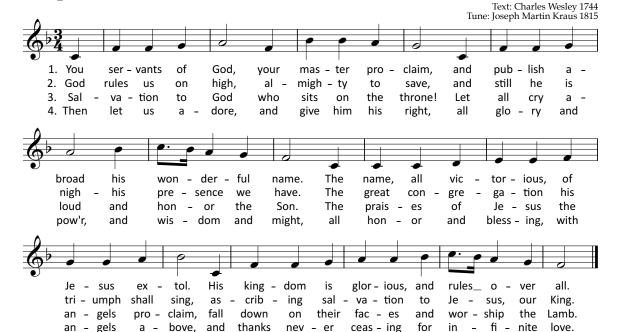
Liturgist: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: Amen!

We praise God

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim



We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from John 14:6; 1 John 1:8-9

Liturgist: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: God of truth, you have called us out of darkness

to walk faithfully in the light of your word

and to persevere in confessing the truth revealed in Jesus.

All: But we are a people who often choose

the darkness of falsehood rather than the light of truth. We listen to the world without testing what we see and hear. We too easily believe lies about you and about ourselves:

that Jesus cannot save,

that your Spirit cannot overcome the world's evil,

that persevering in faith is not worth the effort and struggle.

Or we deny the truth to protect ourselves when confessing and following Christ is costly.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, please forgive us for turning away from the truth you have given us

and rescue us from believing and living in the darkness of lies and falsehood.

Fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, and lead us by your Spirit so that we will discern what is true

and walk in grace and truth through Jesus Christ your Son.

God declares our forgiveness

from John 1:14, 16

Liturgist: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!



God baptizes his children

We remember our baptism by professing our faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

New baptized members

Ella Rosemary Kunnath

Daughter of Paul and Mary Kunnath

Eloise Rose Pollmann

Daughter of Jonathan and Kathryn Pollmann Sister of Stephen Pollmann

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

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God instructs us in scripture reading

1 John 4:1-6 (pew Bible p. 1023)

God instructs us in preaching

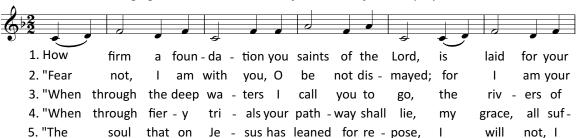
"Real Jesus for Real Discernment" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

^{* &}quot;hell" here means the place or state of the dead, not a place or state of punishment. The creed affirms that Jesus experienced the full reality of human death as his soul was severed from his dead body until his resurrection restored the full unity of his person.

** "catholic" here means universal, not Roman Catholic.

Text: John Rippon, Selection of Hymns 1787, alt. Tune: Anon.; Joseph Funk, A Compilation of Genuine Church Music 1832

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.







STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

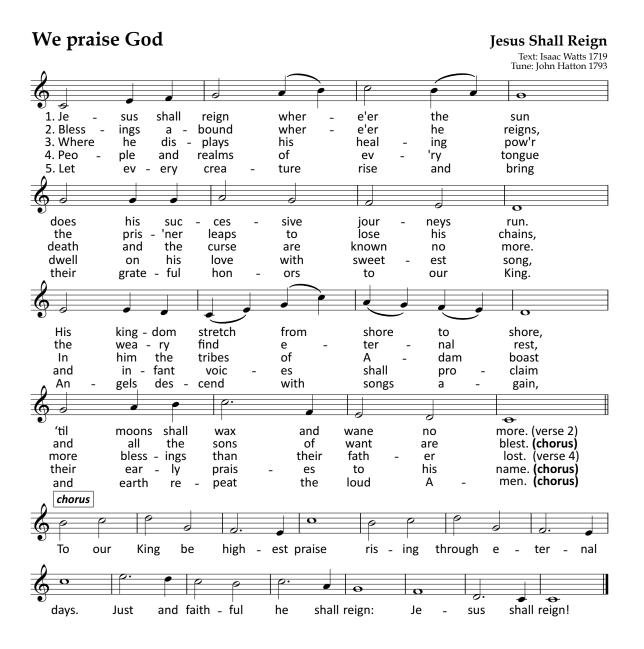
Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in memory of Marjorie Lee Schattgen by her family.

Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the Hanley Road entrance, on the table outside the Choir Room,

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